Allocation of Fertilizers to Andhra Pradesh

3117. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity of fertilizers allocated to Andhra Pradesh by the Central Government for the current rabi crop season;

(b) whether the quantity is sufficient to meet the requirement of Andhra Pradesh;

(c) if not, whether Government propose to supply more fertilizers to Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) to (d) The table below gives the position of allocation, availability and sales of fertilizers in Andhra Pradesh during Rabi, 1992-93 season :

(Lakh tonnes)

Product	ECA allocation	Availability upto 28-2-93	Sales upto 28-2-93
Urea	10.42	8.89	8.13
Ammonium Sulphate . . .	0.93	0.67	0.64
Calcium Ammonium Nitrate	0.66	0.59	0.56
Ammonium Chloride . . .	0.06	0.08	0.07

Allocation of phosphatic and potassic fertilizers has been discontinued from 25-8-1992 as these fertilizers have been decontrolled.

Further quantities of urea, Ammonium Sulphate and Calcium Ammonium Nitrate are being moved to Andhra Pradesh against allocations.

To be answered on the 19th March, 1993

Development of Oil Palm

3118. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any schemes are under implementation for the development of oil Palm during the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Several schemes have been sanctioned in the identified States as advance action for the development of oil palm during Eighth Plan. These include oilpalm seed gardens, nurseries, distribution of seedlings for Area Expansion Programme, demonstration processing units, seed germinator, a comprehensive training programme and oilpalm demonstration projects.

80,000 ha. are proposed to be brought under oilpalm cultivation in the identified States during Eighth Plan (Andhra Pradesh : 50,000 ha., Karnataka : 20,000 ha. and other States : 10,000 ha.).

National Seeds Project Phase II

3119. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether World Bank assisted National Seeds Project, Phase-II was launched in March, 1990; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the progress made in this regard till date ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : No, Sir. However, the

National Seeds Project, Phase-III has been launched in March, 1990.

(b) The details and the progress made under National Seeds Project Phase-III are given in the attached Statement.

Statement

The National Seed Project (NSP) which was launched at a total cost of Rs. 236.01 crore in 1990 was a World Bank credit component of US $ 150 million. The NSP-III covers the States of Assam, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. The request of Haryana for inclusion in the project has now been acceded to by the World Bank.

The project has broadly two components namely the Project Component and the Programme Component :

Project Component : The project component of Rs. 87.51 crore has the World Bank assistance of US $ 40 million.

Programme Component : The programme component funds amount to US $ 110 million (Rs. 148.50 crore which has since gone up because of Dollar Rupee parity) is released to the Government of India (GOI) on attainment of certain milestones on Project Components. The funds are bifurcated between NABARD and DAC and are released for launching of central/centrally sponsored schemes in the seed sector, like restructuring of Public Sector Seed Corporations on the basis of recommendations of the Consultants appointed to study the functioning of individual Seed Corporations and suggest remedial actions including financial restructuring and adjustment of staff levels commensurate with the level of activities.

The Programme Component funds from the World Bank are being released in 3 tranches. The first tranche of US $ 41.74 million was drawn by the Government of India in November, 1990. The second tranche of US $ 35 million is due for drawal now on completion of 18 months inter tranche interval and fulfilment of conditionalities. The third tranche of US $ 35 million will become due 18 months after the release of second tranche and attainment of release conditionalities.

The sub componentwise progress achieved under the project so far is given as under :

Project Component :

Investment Credit : NABARD has so far sanctioned 28 proposals at a total financial out-lay of Rs. 66.89 crores with the refinance commitment of Rs. 36.85 crores.

Varietal Development (ICAR) : The Varietal Development component together with the breeder seed production scheme is being strengthened at an cost of Rs. 2431.367 lakhs out of which an amount of Rs. 895 lakhs has already been released.

Regulation & Quality Control : An amount of Rs. 336.96 lakhs to five Seed Certification Agencies of Assam, Andhra Pradesh, U.P., Karnataka and Madhya Pradesh has been disbursed so far. The proposals of remaining five Seed Certifications Agencies at a total cost of Rs. 719.84 lakhs is under finalisation as proposals from many of them have yet to be cleared by their respective State Governments.

Seed Cleaning at Farmers' Fields : A committee under the Chairmanship of Director (NSP) has been constituted to identify the type of machinery and the areas in which this machinery would be provided.

Institutional Strengthening : Regarding institutional strengthening, it may be submitted that in addition to NSC, SFCI and 3 State Seed Corporations of AP, UP and Gujarat taken up for management study in the first batch, five additional State Seed Corporations of Assam, Karnataka, M.P. Maharashtra and West Bengal have been taken up for management study in the second batch. The remaining Seed Corporations of Haryana, Orissa, Bihar and Rajasthan would be taken up separately.

Programme Component : Out of the Programme Component of US $ 110 million, US $ 40 million were released as first tranche on appointment of Principal Consultant and the Operating Consultants for the NSC, SFCI and 3 State Seed Corporations taken up for management study in the first batch. The conditionalities for the release of second tranche are :

(a) that substantial progress regarding implementation of the Agreed Action Plan in respect of State Corporations taken up in the first batch is achieved.

(b) Additional 3 State Seed Corporation are taken up for study.

On completion of the above conditionalities and substantial progress in the implementation of the Agreed Action Plan in respect of the Corporations taken up for study in the first batch, the World Bank has released the second tranche of US $ 35 million.

New Policy of Seed Development

3120. MISS SAROJ KHARPARDE : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a Policy of Seed Development has been in force from 1st October, 1988; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the progress made in this regard till date ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The main thrust of the policy is to provide Indian farmers the best planting material available anywhere in the world to increase productivity. The policy mainly regulate the import of seeds of coarse cereals, pulses, oilseeds and fodder with certain provisions.

The total quantity of various seeds/ seedlings/planting material imported till date is as under :—

Year	Seeds (in M.T.)	Seedlings/ Planting material (Nos)
1-10-88—89	14.145	4,27,106
1989-90	82.805	7,82,969
1990-91	83.501	4,65,957
1991-92	428.390	36,44,536
1992-93 (Upto Feb., 93)	91.343	25,68,018

Integrated Pest Management Programme

3121. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether an Integrated Pest Management Programme is under implementation by Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the progress made in this regard till date ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) :

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) The Government have established 26 Central Integrated Pest Managment Centres in 21 States and one U. T. to implement the Components of Integrated Pest Management such as crop pest surveillance and monitoring, promotion of biological control methods and demonstration-cum-training programmes for extension functionaries and farmers. The details of targets and achievements of various activities undertaken by these Centres during 1992-93 are as under :—

Sl. No.	Activity	Parameter	Target	Achievement*
1.	Pest surveillance & monitoring	Scanning of area in lakh ha.	7.50	8.77
2.	Biocontrol :			
	(a) Release of biocontrol agents	Nos. in millions	1050	1791
	(b) Area coverage	lakh ha.	2.67	3.09
3.	IPM training :			
	(a) SMSs	Nos	650	712
	(b) Farmers	Nos	3250	3225
4.	IPM demos :			
	(a) Rice	Nos	50	51
	(b) Cotton		15	15

*upto February 1993.